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## A JUDICIAL INQUIRY.

Alderman MacDonald proposes that a judge of the Supreme Court shall be asked to investigate the exchange of property between the city and ex-Alderman McInnis, in connection with the straightening of Elizabeth street. The transaction in question was made the subject of some remarks in council which led to the appointment of a committee to look into it. This committee, including the alderman whose words led to its appointment, reported that they found no improprieties in connection with the matter, and explicitly declared that they did not deem a judicial investigation of the affair to be necessary.

Unfortunately, the finding of the committee did not end the kind of talk which brought about its appointment, and things have been said in council since then—seemingly with reference to the transaction—which either should not have been said or should be proven to be true. Alderman MacDonald's purpose, apparently, is to put an end to this, by having all and sundry tell what they know of the transaction to a judicial investigator. It should not be necessary to put the city to the expense and disturbance of a judicial investigation of a matter once dealt with in so convincing a manner. That, however, seems to be the only way of stopping the flow of insinuation.

## THE DISAGREING DOCTORS.

It is clear that whatever the Western farmer may lack he is not to want for advice. For a year past the gentlemen who attained portfolios at Ottawa by denying him access to the markets of the United States have been counseling him for the injury by liberal donations from their stock of agricultural lore. Thus while the Minister of Agriculture has deemed it his special business in life to educate the farmer out of the common and vulgar business of wheat-growing and into the more specialized branches of the profession, his colleagues in Ottawa have the wheat-grower with admonitions to build granaries in which to store his wheat until the railways get ready to haul it. Now, however, the heads of some of our banking institutions come upon the scene and say that granaries will not do. If the farmer had a granary, they argue, he would put the wheat in it, and "stand off" the local merchant and the banker until he got ready to sell; whereas now he sells as soon as possible, and at any price he can get, and pays his debts. Clearly, if the farmer is not flattered by the distinguished solicitude of which he is the subject, he ought to be. There is room for a suspicion, however, that if the doctors would agree more in their prescriptions they would more impress the patient with faith in their competence.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST.

The public works committee of the city council turned down a request to extend the city's water and power systems to an industrial establishment located outside the city. The committee might well have taken advantage of the fact that the general rule laid down by the council is that no extension of the city's water and power systems shall be made until the city is financially able to do so. The committee is geographically speaking a city of very generous proportions, quite generous enough, most will agree, to extend the public services throughout the area now within the city limits. It takes no more amount of money and a long period of time. At present, though the city-site is by no means thickly populated, the city is behind rather than ahead of the work of supplying its people with

water and light and telephone and car services. And it appears likely that for some years to come the city will have all its own hands in establishing these systems to accommodate the new dwellers with in its borders. As it is the land inside the city that is mortgaged to these service systems, and the people inside the city who must bear the responsibility and risk of operating them, the primary duty of the council and commissioners is to make the advantages of the systems available to the people in all parts of the city before undertaking to accommodate outlying communities or prospective communities.

There has been some talk of late of extending the street railway system to St. Albert. The object of the proposal may be to secure ground upon which to base an application to the Provincial Legislature for the extension of the city's power to build lines outside the city. This power should be of value to the city in dealing with rural electric railway companies when these undertake construction in this part of the world and come to the city for traffic arrangements. If that be the object, the proposal rests upon a different basis than usual, and might well be made the exception to the rule. Another exception might very well be made if by building a line to the coal mining district east of the city, some of this traffic could be secured for the system. But, exceptional cases such as these aside, the rule should apply to the street railway, as to all other utilities—that the city's first duty is to provide accommodation for its citizens. It is the man inside the city who has to make good if the street railway loses money, and who is entitled first of all to good service from it. And experience here and elsewhere has demonstrated that if he is given the service he should receive there will be little danger of the street railway coming out wrong financially. As with the other utilities, the city is rather behind than ahead of the requirements in the matter of street railway extension. The first object should be to catch up the arrears and make provision for the assured growth of population within the city limits, and to build up a tolerably complete city system, capable of economic operation. When that is done will be time enough to consider whether Edmonton should find the money and assume the risk of equipping the outlying districts with electric lines.

## ENGLAND GROWS MOST OF ITS OWN GRAINS

Report of British Department of Agriculture Shows That Half of England's Food Supplies Must be Imported.

London, Oct. 10.—R. H. Bew, C.B., assistant secretary to the board of agriculture, has issued in the agricultural statistics of the board of agriculture, a report respecting the home-grown supply of food.

Nothing perhaps will more surprise the average Englishman than this report. The man in the street is convinced that the great mass of the nation's food is imported. It is a perfectly common estimate to hear the home-grown quantity put down at one-fifth. Mr. Bew's report shows that in reality it is upwards of one-half and that in value, the home-grown produce is no less than 12,000,000 pounds more than the value of the imports. This may seem in connection with the question of food imports in war.

The chief imports of wheat imported will also be a matter of surprise to many people. It is generally imagined that Canada supplies the bulk of the imported grain and the United States is a close second, while next to none grows at home. As a matter of fact, the greatest individual supply is the home-grown crop and after it, the United States, barely ahead of the United Kingdom, with Canada third and Australia and Argentina not very far behind.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the report is that the home-grown supply has risen slightly on an average since 1906, but that while there has been a small increase in the value of the home-grown crop, there has been a very large decrease in the value of the imports. The following figures are being as follows:

	1911	1910
United Kingdom	121.7	121.7
Australia	10.3	10.3
Canada	10.3	10.3
India	11.2	11.2
Other British Possessions	11.2	11.2
Argentina	10.3	10.3
France	10.3	10.3
United States	10.3	10.3
Other countries	10.3	10.3

## Killed Under Freight Car.

Windsor, Oct. 10.—Paul Hudak, employed by the Mackinac company on the Transcona ship, was killed this morning when coupling cars. The wheels passed over his head, killing him instantly.

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## ROOSEVELT ATTACKS GOV. WOODROW WILSON

Leader of New Party Trying to Limit Labor Against Democratic Presidential Candidate.

Superior, Wis., Oct. 10.—"I probably shouldn't make the reference to Mr. Wilson that I am going to make," said Col. Roosevelt here today. "If he hadn't attacked me, but when anybody attacks me he might as well understand that I won't take it lying down. I'm a man of peaceful disposition, but I think I am able to defend myself."

Having given more than a month to the exposition of the principles of the new party, which he believes are now well understood, he came to take a new line of attack during the closing weeks of the campaign, and "The Timber the big guns." His speech in Houghton, in which he criticized Governor Wilson for the union hostility toward labor, which he said Mr. Wilson had displayed in the past, was the first of the series which he is expected to make.

## Royal Bank Building.

Monte Jew, Oct. 9.—Plans have been shipped to the city by the Royal Bank for the erection of a business bank in River street west at an estimated cost of \$100,000. Excavating will start immediately after snow stops. The building will be three stories high and the bank will occupy two of these.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT VISITS LETHBRIDGE

Governor-General Reviews Canadian Cavalry in Lethbridge—Premier Sifton with Party.

Lethbridge, Oct. 10.—Leaving Montreal after a six-hour stay there, the Governor-General's train arrived here last evening, making his stop on the way. At Lethbridge, Premier Sifton joined the royal party. On the arrival here, their Royal Highnesses were taken in carriages on a drive through the principal business streets previous to the presentation of a address of welcome, which consisted of a welcome from the Governor-General, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Patricia have been received at the different cities visited thus far in the course of the present extended tour, this evening's demonstration by the people of the city is to be characterized as decidedly not the least remarkable for its enthusiasm.

An address from the Lethbridge Governor-General Club was read by the secretary of that organization, T. W. Clark, and his Royal Highness replied in fitting terms.

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## That House in

## Parkdale

This house is situated opposite the New Parkdale School in Norwood. There are four bedrooms and bath room upstairs and parlor, living room and kitchen down-

irs. The basement is full size

be completed with cement  
or. The house is built fully  
modern with hot air furnace. We  
offering at \$700.00 down and  
balance on easy terms. See  
before buying.

### Desirable Resi-

### ence Location

Having had a number of enquiries for a building lot between River Avenue and the railway, we have secured a listing Athabasca Avenue in Block 20. Lot can be handled for \$1,500.

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us up in regard to this.

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